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MEDIA SITREP

1. CHILEAN FONMIN HUERTA U.N. ADDRESS CARRIED BY ALL CHILEAN RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN DELAYED BUT UNCUT VERSION PRIME TIME TUESDAY NIGHT. WALKOUT "SOCIALIST" AND SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND INTERRUPTION CAUSED BY SHOUTING FROM VISITORS' GALLERIES SHOWN.

2. RIGHTIST DAILY "TRIBUNA" SUSPENDED FOR ONE DAY FOR WHAT PRESS SOURCES SAY WAS WARNING NOT INDULGE IN FURTHER CRITICISMS FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS. PAPER HAD CARRIED TWO ARTICLES ATTACKING ABUSE OF RIGHT OF ASYLUM BY SPANISH AND VATICAN DIPLOMATS FOR GIVING SANCTUARY TO FOREIGNERS SUPPORTING UNIDAD POPULAR LEADERSHIP. EDITORIAL APOLOGY WAS TO NO AVAIL. "MERCURIO" CHAIN'S "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" ALSO ORIGINALLY SUSPENDED FOR PUBLISHING ARTICLE ON FORMER GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH KIDNAPPING BRAZILIAN GIRL IN JANUARY FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" BUT MANAGED ARGUE THAT ITS TRESPASSING INTO FORBIDDEN TERRITORY OF KIDNAPPING AS A SUBJECT WAS UNINTENTIONAL, APPEARING WEDNESDAY MORNING AS USUAL.

3. SELECTED RADIO STATIONS WHICH HAD FORMED PART OF "LIBERTY NETWORK" UNDER ALLENDE GOVERNMENT NOW ALLOWED ORIGINATE OWN NEWS AND COMMENTARY BUT INITIALLY AT LEAST HAVE BEEN ULTRA CAUTIOUS,
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KEEPING CONTENTS CLOSE TO THOSE OF JUNTA NEWSCASTS WHICH THEY STILL

REQUIRED CARRY THREE TIMES DAILY.

4. GOC USING SHORTWAVE FACILITIES SEVERAL SANTIAGO STATIONS AND
UNIV. CONCEPCION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS BEAMED ABROAD. THESE MAY
SOON BE JOINED BY 100 KW. MEDIUM WAVE SOVIET MADE TRANSMITTER
FOUND AT COMMUNIST PARTY OWNED BUT LABOR UNION FEDERATION (CUT)
ATTRIBUTED RADIO MAGALLANES. EQUIPMENT NEVER USED BY STATION,
WHICH WAS LAST U.P. VOICE ON AIR SEPT. 11 UNTIL ANTENNAS
DESTROYED BY CHILEAN AIR FORCE.
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